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LOK SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 20th August, 1954:—

BILL\* No. 34 OF 1954

*A Bill further to amend the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944.*

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

**1. Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Central Excises and Salt (Amendment) Act, 1954.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 30th day of July, 1954.

**2. Amendment of the First Schedule, Act I of 1944.**—In sub-item II of Item No. 9 in the First Schedule to the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944, the following shall be inserted at the end, namely:—

“(3) Biris in the manufacture of which .. Three rupees per any process has been conducted with the aid .. thousand.”  
of machines operated with or without the aid  
of power.

**3. Excise duty on machine-made biris to apply to existing stocks also.**—The amendment made by section 2 shall apply to biris manufactured at specified therein which are lying in stock on the date of commencement of this Act in any premises where biris are manufactured or in any premises appurtenant thereto as it applies to biris similarly manufactured on or after the said date.

**4. Repeal of Ordinance 9 of 1954.**—The Central Excises and Salt (Amendment) Ordinance, 1954 (9 of 1954) is hereby repealed.

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\*The President has, in pursuance of clause (1) of article 117 of the Constitution of India, recommended to the Lok Sabha the introduction of the Bill.

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Biri-making is a cottage industry and provides employment to a large number of people in the urban and rural areas. Early in 1953 it was brought to the notice of the Government of India that machines for the manufacture of biris were being produced and that the introduction of machines in the field of biri-making would reduce the cost of production to a considerable extent and incidentally make it uneconomical to manufacture biris by manual labour.

2. With a view to obtaining for the State the advantage gained in biri manufacture by machines by the considerable lowering of the cost of production and at the same time mitigating the effects of the unfair competition of machine-made biris, the Government of India promulgated an Ordinance called the Central Excises and Salt (Amendment) Ordinance, 1954 (9 of 1954), on the 30th July, 1954, whereby biris in the manufacture of which any process has been conducted with the aid of machines operated with or without the aid of power, have been subjected to an excise duty of Rs. 3/- per thousand.

3. The present Bill seeks to replace the Ordinance by an Act of Parliament.

C. D. DESHMUKH.

NEW DELHI;  
*The 13th August, 1954.*

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M. N. KAUL,  
*Secretary.*